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APPROVAL OF CLOSURE REPORT FOR TEMPORARY ACCUMULATION AREA (TAA) 744, FORMER MARINE CORPS AIR STATION (MCAS) EL TORO

Dear Mr. Piszkin:

The Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) has reviewed the subject document dated November 17, 2003. The report documents the confirmation soil sampling activities performed at the former TAA 744 on August 26, 2003. The report also summarizes the results of 8 soil confirmation samples collected from four locations at TAA 744. The samples were analyzed for volatile organic compounds (VOCs), Semi-VOCs, total petroleum (TPH) as gasoline, TPH as diesel, pesticides, metals, and pH.

TAA 744 was identified as part of the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA) Facility Assessment (RFA) Addendum performed by Bechtel National Inc. for MCAS El Toro. The unit may have been used for the storage of hazardous waste drums containing solvents, hydraulic fluid, waste oil, absorbent material, and oily rags. TAA 744 is described as 12-feet by 20-feet concrete storage pad with berm, and ramp divided into two sections by a berm with a sump on both sides of the berm located north of Building 744 in the northwestern quadrant of the MCAS El Toro.

Based on our review, DTSC agrees with the Navy's recommendation that this unit should be identified as "closed" and suitable for residential uses in the next Base Realignment Closure Business Plan update.

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If you have any questions, please contact me at (714) 484-5419.

Sincerely,



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